

CHAPTER 208.

AN ACT to provide for the repairs of the public roads
in Dorchester county.

Passed
Mar. 10, 1854.

WHEREAS, The present mode of repairing the public roads in Dorchester county, has been found inadequate for the purpose intended, and it is deemed necessary that proper regulations should forthwith be made for keeping said roads in repair; Therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Genaral Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall be the duty of the supervisors of the roads of Dorchester county, to keep all the public roads in the said county well and sufficiently cleared and grubbed fit for travelling, twenty feet wide at the least, except in such parts thereof where the county commissioners shall allow or direct the said road to be of a less width, and to make and keep good and substantial bridges over all the heads of rivers, creeks, branches and swamps, where the same shall be necessary for the convenient and easy passage of travellers, with their wagons, carts, carriages, horses and cattle, and to remove all nuisances which may obstruct or annoy their passage, and well and sufficiently to causeway ull and singular such places in and upon the said road as shall require the same.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That if any of the said supervisors shall not well and sufficiently clear, grub, amend and repair the said several and respective roads committed to their charge, within a reasonable time after the same shall be out of repair, or shall not make and keep in repair and good order, substantial bridges over the heads of rivers, creeks, branches or swamps, where the same shall be necessary as aforesaid, or shall not remove all nuisances from the said roads, or shall not well and sufficiently causeway, all and singular such places in and upon the said road as shall require the same, or shall permit or suffer any fallen trees or other obstructions to remain in or across any of the said public roads for the space of two days after notice thereof or shall neglect to fell or cause to be felled and removed all decayed or dead trees on either side of the said public roads, whose limbs or any of them hang over the same and may by their falling injure travellers, or shall not top and cut off all limbs or branches of trees hang-

Duty of supervisors.
Forfeiture for neglect.